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## WORLD AIDS DAY, DEC. 1, BRINGS TESTING, “THE BEAT” AND MORE



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World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, has been observed since 1988 to create awareness of testing and treatment for HIV/AIDS. This year, the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) and the Pinellas Planning Partnership will provide no-cost testing, information and more at the Gibbs campus of St. Petersburg College at 6605 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N. in St. Petersburg.



The event will take place from 10 AM to 4 PM on its Quad Lawn. There will be health screenings, STD testing (rapid syphilis) hepatitis C testing, flu shots, Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines, food, entertainment and prizes, all at no cost to attendees. Tampa Bay's Hip Hop and R&B radio station, 95.7 the Beat, will be on-site to broadcast the event live.

This year, DOH-Pinellas is supporting the local theme, “The Burg Cares”, which highlights the importance of a community devoted to educating and supporting its residents in the fight against HIV and AIDS. To show your support for World AIDS Day, DOH-Pinellas is asking the community to use the hashtag, #TheBurgCares, on Friday, Dec. 1.

The event is organized by the Pinellas Planning Partnership, which includes DOH-Pinellas, St. Petersburg College, among many other local organizations and businesses.

For event information, call (727) 491-8120.

For information about DOH-Pinellas, go to [www.PinellasHealth.com](http://www.PinellasHealth.com) or follow us on Twitter @HealthyPinellas.

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